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WHITE HOUSE FOR JOHN SUNUNU AND PHILLIP BRADY  
THE HAGUE FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

FROM AMBASSADOR MELADY

FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 995/91

E.O. 12356: OADR: DECL  
TAGS: PREL, VT, CH IS  
SUBJECT: VATICAN REACTION AND FOLLOW-UP TO  
PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

GENERAL REACTION  
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2. THERE IS EXTENSIVE COMMENT BY VATICAN  
WATCHERS ON THE WAY THE POPE ESCORTED THE  
PRESIDENT INTO THE CLEMENTINE ROOM. THIS, PLUS  
THE POPE'S REMARKS TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY,  
WERE UNPRECEDENTED AND VERY FAVORABLY  
INTERPRETED. IT IS A CLEAR SIGN OF THE HOLY  
SEE'S POSITIVE AND FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD THE  
PRESIDENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION. (SEE VATICAN  
MESSAGE NO. 992.)

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CHINA  
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3. IN THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARY WITH  
CARDINAL SODANO AND ARCHBISHOP TAURAN, A  
PARTICIPANT TOLD ME THEY WERE ESPECIALLY  
PLEASED WITH THE SECRETARY'S OFFERING TO LOOK  
INTO THE MATTER OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CHINA.  
SODANO WILL BE SENDING US THEIR MEMO AND WE  
WILL FORWARD IT ON TO THE SECRETARY'S PARTY IN  
JAPAN.

ISRAEL  
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FOREIGN MINISTER ACB TAURAN ASKED ME TO COME  
OVER AND HE WILL REVIEW WHAT THE HOLY SEE MEANS  
ABOUT PRELIMINARY STEPS THAT, IN VIEW OF THE  
POST MADRID CONFERENCE CONTEXT, THEY COULD TAKE  
TO UPGRADE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

MELADY

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